

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant : Weber et al.  
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For : CONTINUOUS PROCESS FOR  
RECOVERING ACETONE FROM A  
WASTE STREAM RESULTING FROM  
ACETONE PURIFICATION  
Examiner : Unknown  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 3 references that are also enclosed. Please note that U.S. Publication 2002/0032350 is the U.S. equivalent of EP 1 188 737.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	1,108,327	4/3/68	Great Britain				

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